

# **Donald Sherer**

## *Biography*

Don Sherer was first elected to the state House of Representatives in November 2002 and re-elected in November 2004, from the 147<sup>th</sup> District of Stamford and New Canaan, following long service to the City of Stamford.

Rep. Sherer was a City Representative in Stamford for 15 years, was elected to the Board leadership for six years and served as Chairman of Charter Revision, Land Use and Environmental Protection and Parks and Recreation committees. Sherer has been an advisor to the Connecticut General Assembly's Law Revision Commission as an expert in the field of Assisted Reproductive Technology Law . In 1998, Governor John Rowland appointed Sherer as Stamford Harbormaster. A veteran, he served as a Senior Petty Officer in the United States Coast Guard Reserve performing Search and Rescue duties.

A graduate of Rippowam High School (1965) and the University of Connecticut (B.A. Political Science, 1969) and awarded for his academic excellence at Brooklyn Law School (Juris Doctor, 1974), Sherer is a well-known attorney in Stamford. He is a member of the Bar in Connecticut and New York, as well as on a Federal and Supreme Court level. As a fellow of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, Don has achieved recognition for his work in adoption law and assisted reproductive technology law. His proposal for new adoption law became the law of Connecticut in 1986. He has been named as an Angel in Adoption and is to be honored by the United States Congress in September 2006.

Representative Sherer has been appointed as Ranking Member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee and in that leadership position has had a dramatic influence in the quality of Connecticut's colleges and universities as well as an impact on meeting the challenge to creating a modern workforce capable of filling gaps in critical fields and advanced technology. A champion of low taxes and less government, Sherer is committed to local control over local issues and has a lifetime belief in well-funded quality education and early literacy. His role as Stamford's Harbormaster has only strengthened his commitment to open space and a pristine environment — important elements in lower Fairfield County's quality of life.

In addition, Sherer believes that new and innovative solutions to the region's traffic congestion, including use of rail and waterways, must be pursued. He has drafted legislation now the law of the State of Connecticut, in the area of Consumer's Rights and important Children's issues such as child poverty, obesity, healthcare and foster care.

Sherer has a working, bipartisan relationship with State lawmakers and leaders. His general goal is to utilize his experience, problem solving and leadership skills and constituent servicing ability to represent the needs and positions of the district in the State Legislature. He has been able to obtain significant monies for education, the arts and program activities for Curtain Call, the Bartlett Arboretum and the Stamford Museum and Nature Center.

Don lives in Stamford with his wife, Shelley, and they have two grown children, Jennifer and Eric and one grandchild, Ryan.